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NOTE VERBALE DATED 3 JANUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CHILE TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT FORWARDING A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FURTHER FRENCH NUCLEAR EXPLOSION AT MURUROA ATOLL ON 27 DECEMBER 1995

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to forward the attached copy of an official statement made by the Government of Chile in connection with the further French nuclear explosion at Mururoa atoll on 27 December 1995.

The Permanent Mission of Chile requests the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament to arrange for the document to be distributed as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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STATEMENT

The Government of Chile once again reiterates its forceful condemnation and rejection of the fifth nuclear explosion carried out by France yesterday at Mururoa atoll.

The new French explosion prompts deep disappointment in the international community, which has emphatically rejected this attitude which undermines its stance in favour of the total prohibition of nuclear tests (the zero option) and its intention to assume the commitments set out in the Rarotonga protocols.

France has once again ignored the international appeal contained in the United Nations General Assembly resolution, co-sponsored by Chile, strongly deploring nuclear testing and urging its immediate cessation.

The Government of Chile, while fervently calling on the Government of France to desist from its desire to pursue its programme of nuclear testing, reaffirms its intention to continue to express its opposition to any nuclear test that may be carried out in the future.

Santiago, 28 December 1995